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Welcome

I've been reflecting on the last twelve months with a sense of pride and unity. This issue reflects the dedication the entire Highfield and Brookham community has demonstrated throughout the last year. Community is at the heart of everything we do.

The most profound highlight of the past year has been the joy I have witnessed on the children's faces. Their smiles and boundless energy are a constant source of inspiration. Watching them grow and learn is an unrivalled privilege. Their engagement with the world around them is testament to the incredible education they receive from our dedicated team.

The death of the Queen, an incredibly poignant moment, was juxtaposed with the coronation of King Charles. Both occasions drew a powerful display of unity from the entire school, from our youngest Nursery pupils to our most senior staff. The coronation was signalled by a rousing rendition of the National Anthem played by both pupils and staff in a 30-strong orchestra. We even created a human Union Jack flag that brought together our youngest and oldest pupils. It was a period in our history that showcased the togetherness that defines Highfield and Brookham.

I would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to Sophie Baber, whose tireless dedication to Brookham has contributed significantly to our school's successes. It is an enviable legacy that has created such solid foundations. We are forever in her debt.

One of the other significant achievements was the opening of our Nursery extension. We owe the Nursery's incredible success to the unwavering devotion of our staff, led impeccably by Sam Forster. The Nursery provides the perfect space for our youngest learners to have a brilliant start to a Highfield and Brookham education. Let us not forget the day when we were honoured by the presence of actor Hugh Bonneville, who marked the Nursery's opening with his typical grace. His Paddington story time was the icing on the cake for all the hard work that had gone into creating this wonderful space.

On a personal note, I'd like to give a special mention to our prep school speech day guest, BBC presenter Mishal Husain, whose wisdom, humour and inspiring words were the cornerstones of our prize-giving ceremony, where we could showcase the excellence that runs through our community. The fact that she joined us straight from the Today Programme studio gave the occasion an extra frisson of excitement!

As we reflect on the past year, one thing remains clear - the heart of our community is stronger than ever. The collective will of us all, matched by tremendous individual acts of dedication and enthusiasm, make Highfield and Brookham a truly remarkable place to live, work and play. We always celebrate our successes, but we do so by acknowledging the challenges. With this mix of aspiration and humility, we can continue to grow, driven by the joy and potential of our children and the unwavering support of all those who contribute to this remarkable journey.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful community; I look forward to sharing the future with you all with great excitement and optimism.

Suzannah Cryer
Head





Together
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Nursery

What a fantastic year it has been for our Nursery children! To allow the children the best possible start to their education, the school invested in a new, purpose-built extension designed specifically for the youngest members of the school.

The children have absolutely loved exploring their new environment. It has allowed them even more space to spread their wings and make the most of all the exciting learning opportunities available to them.

The children in Nursery have been an absolute delight to teach this year. Their enthusiasm, resilience and ability to absorb and build on each new experience is remarkable and never ceases to amaze us. All the children made such huge strides over the course of the year, whether in their social and emotional development, their ability to communicate, their independence, or their knowledge of the wider world.

The children have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into developing their coordination during PE, learning about nature at forest school, and developing their communication through storytelling and role play. They have been creative in ballet and music, as well as painting and junk modelling in the craft area.

Above all they have started to develop the skills they need to become lifelong learners and have discovered just how much fun learning can be.





Reception

The Reception children were a group of wonderful individuals who possessed a blend of resilience, fun-loving spirit, kindness and an insatiable appetite for learning.

Whether creating animal hotels, water dams, aeroplanes constructed out of blocks or magical potions, these young learners brought an infectious energy and a genuine love of exploration into their educational journey.

Throughout the year they mastered new concepts and overcame personal obstacles, exhibiting a determination made stronger through the collaboration they demonstrated with their peers.

Their child-initiated learning time allowed these curious children to actively seek out challenges that pushed their boundaries, helped them embrace new ideas and build upon their prior knowledge to ensure that they have followed one of the three golden rules – to be the best they can be.

With kindness at the heart of everything, they showed compassion and empathy towards one another in the classroom, on the sports field and during playtimes. They willingly lent a helping hand to solve maths problems, read a story or build a den, while celebrating each other's successes. With their positive attitudes and eagerness to learn, this fun-loving cohort is more than ready for the challenges ahead.





Year One

The school year went past in the blink of an eye. It seems like only yesterday that our fresh-faced children joined their new classes and eagerly began learning about fictional and real-life superheroes.

Our immersive topics were carefully chosen to engage young learners and allow for literacy, history, geography and science to be taught together.

The children's creativity, curiosity and thirst for facts continued throughout their fascinating Fire of London topic, culminating in a trip to the Weald and Downland Museum to experience country life in Tudor times.

The topic 'Why Do Bees Matter?' ignited a passion in our children to save the bee population, giving them an understanding of what the world would be like without our busy little pollinators. To raise awareness of how we can protect the furry flyers, the children wrote fact-filled books that they shared with the school.

Inside and outside the classroom, this group of children have amazed us with their kindness, energy, enthusiasm and desire for learning, and their ability to work collaboratively in order to succeed.

We are proud of how resourceful the children have been in their approach to activities and how resilient they are becoming when facing challenging situations.





Year Two

Year 2 have experienced stimulating lessons, exciting trips, interesting visitors, and a challenging curriculum, made possible by the energy and enthusiasm of the staff and, most importantly, the children.

The children had already established strong foundations which meant they were armed with the necessary skills to build upon their prior learning – and it was time to take full advantage.

As well as conscientiously tackling everything from grammar and data handling to punctuation and animal habitats, the inquisitive children had a varied year of learning. In addition to encountering wild wolves, they learnt about the solar system and how Romans greatly influenced our culture – continuing to unlock an understanding of the wider world.

This fascinating learning has taken place in an environment that fosters independent thinking and decision-making, with children encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. They have strengthened and developed their independence in preparation for the next school year. Year 2's eagerness and ability to accept and learn from mistakes has been inspirational.

As they embark on their new chapter, we hope they continue to build their social skills and their subject knowledge across the curriculum, inside and outside the classroom.





Year Three

The adventurous and determined Year 3s have gained a real sense of independence this year while also showing a marked increase in their awareness of others.

From crawling through 30 metres of dark, narrow tunnels to embarking on a two-night, action-packed stay at Lodge Hill the children have enthusiastically embraced every challenge with gusto and eagerness. They have developed crucial skills such as problem solving, teamwork and aiming high. Proudly representing the school in weekly sports matches, Year 3 have shown good sportsmanship with a healthy competitive mindset and a realisation that practise means progress. They have guided playtimes with the younger children and created bonds with their buddies in Year 7.

The benefits of collaboration were apparent during the Healthy Breakfast Challenge. After weeks of careful planning, the children wowed the judges with their sumptuous creations. Year 3 then turned their attention to protecting our seas and oceans. The children fervently presented topic talks, developing their presentation skills. Revelling in their outdoor learning, a trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park was the perfect time to develop their orienteering skills as they navigated their way around the park before discovering ways in which seeds are dispersed.

These caring children have grown in stature and it was a joy to see the maturing of friendships along the way.





Year Four

Year 4 had a busy year, jam packed with lots of learning and an abundance of adventure.

Autumn term brought plenty of exploration. Our 'Second World War' topic was embraced wholeheartedly and the pupils loved re-enacting a military invasion.

The spring term brought with it a new topic, 'Africa,' and we spent time exploring the continent's countries and native animals before learning about the life and work of Nelson Mandela. A highlight was a wonderful trip to the West End to see The Lion King. Children were wowed by the colourful production, powerful puppetry and emotive songs.

Before we knew it the summer term was upon us, a much-loved time that allows us to spend more time learning outdoors. Embracing our new topic, 'Go for Gold,' we began by staging our own Olympic Games opening ceremony, with the children representing different countries and parading with their homemade flags before competing in a selection of events.

At the end of June, Year 4 showed amazing commitment to their roles as they rehearsed tirelessly for their production of Go for Gold, which linked to our summer term topic.

The children worked hard throughout the year, showing enthusiasm and perseverance along the way.





Year Five

The children in Year 5 had an excellent year.

A wonderful performing arts showcase which focused on hit musical Mary Poppins saw every child working together to produce some superb dramatic performances which demonstrated an enviable level of talent among them. The Mary Poppins theme continued with a trip to the fabulous West End show.

Making full use of our expansive grounds to learn outside as much as we could, the children worked incredibly hard and set the bar high - taking on more responsibility and ever more challenging tasks. They learnt to work more effectively together, with better understanding of themselves and others. They became more empathetic and mature and grew as collaborative, self-led learners. They ably demonstrated this throughout the year, not least during the lively re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings.

Year 5 also understood how their learning in different subjects is linked. A good example being when they produced Top Trumps cards in digital literacy based on the ten giants from The BFG, which they studied in English, and another when they made the connection between music and science while producing space soundscapes based on Gustav Holst's Planets Suite.

The year ended on a high with a fascinating trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace where the children showcased their understanding of the era to suitably impressed palace staff.





Year Six

What an incredibly busy but satisfying year the children in Year 6 had.

Their play 'Growing Up' was an opportunity for the children to showcase exactly what they were capable of and they didn't disappoint. The collection of cleverly-told and poignant short stories ensured that every child had the chance to shine on stage, while delving into the complications of life as a teenager.

A wonderful trip to the Science Museum was the undoubted highlight of Science Week. The children truly were excellent ambassadors for the school. They had the chance to deepen their understanding of what they had learnt in their science lessons. In the Science Museum WonderLab, they got some hands-on experience: used pulleys to lift themselves off the floor to hang in mid-air, observed how differing amounts of friction affected the speed they could travel on a slide, witnessed a demonstration of rockets, and were even involved in a dry ice chemistry experiment.

A day of camping and bushcraft followed back at school in the summer term. While there may not have been a great deal of sleep there was no denying the wonderful camaraderie on show as the children joined together for an unforgettable experience.

A trip to Littlehampton beach ended a brilliant year, and while the sun didn't quite manage to burst through the clouds, a year of hard work was rewarded with a fun and relaxing day.





Year Eight

The final year at school is always tinged with emotion, from excitement and anticipation to a little bit of sadness. Year 8 threw themselves into their final year determined to tackle everything in their usual laid-back manner but with an underlying enthusiasm.

One of the big events of the year was the lead up to pupils taking their final school entrance exams, be it scholarship or Common Entrance. Pupils have taken on all these challenges with good humour and produced even better outcomes. Many have also tackled sport, drama, music and DT scholarships which comes with no small amount of additional work, and they must be commended for all their efforts.

The final term saw many of the long-awaited highlights. The scholars enjoyed an enlightening trip to Italy and everyone threw themselves into a range of outdoor activities on our trip to Pembrokeshire. The final showdown of the year was Buggy Malone. Could there be a better way to end their year than with a stage spectacular involving splurge guns and custard pies?

This was a fabulous year group and they will have so many memories to take away from this year. We wish them well as they move on to their new adventures and hope they all keep in touch as Old Highfieldians.





Together
we
inspire



Drama

We pride ourselves on the fact that each and every one of our year groups, from Nursery right up to Year 8, stages at least one performance each year – and this year has been no exception.

We focus on developing performance skills which build confidence and self-esteem. Drama is such an inclusive subject and all children are encouraged to express themselves. Teamwork and collaboration come to the fore as our children rehearse and perform their annual production.



The children in pre-prep really came into their own at Christmas time, with Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 putting on wonderful festive performances; shining brightly in their costumes and singing like angels in front of proud parents.

The charming tale of fairies and pirates was brought to life as Year 3 put on a daring and skilful adaptation of JM Barrie's children's classic, *Peter Pan*. The children demonstrated incredible confidence and poise that really augers well for their dramatic journey through prep school. Year 4 put on a medal-winning performance with their outstanding production of *Go for Gold*, which told the story of how the Olympic Games began. It brought to life Greek gods Zeus, Hades and Milo and tied in beautifully with the year group's summer term topic.

Talented children in Year 5 mixed elements of drama, music and art as they used the inspiration of *Mary Poppins* for a performing arts showcase, exploring the characters and songs as well as making their colourful kites. Year 6 seamlessly tackled an amalgamation of

scenes about the challenges of the adolescent years in the poignant tale *Growing Up*, with its over-arching message of encouraging young people to talk about the big issues they are dealing with.

G Live in Guildford was the venue for Year 7's superb adaptation of *The Tempest* as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, for which we have now gained 'gold school' status. And a tremendous year was rounded off in style with a final 'splurge' from our Year 8 leavers who brought the house down with their excellent performance of *Bugsy Malone*.

LAMDA has continued to grow with 116 pupils taking part this year. Our results were outstanding, with a staggering 80% distinction rate among our pupils. These exams involved solos, duos and groups and looked at the pupils both on their performances and their knowledge of the characters and scenes they were portraying. Special mention must go to Romilly O'Donnell, Emilia Dumas, Emily Pearce, Mia Bicknell, Annabel Harris and Rory Lett who all achieved distinctions with more than 90%.



Design Technology

It's been another busy and productive year in the design technology department and our DT workshop has been a hive of creative activity.

Our children worked on a range of different projects including computer-aided design, needlework, woodwork and metal work. They learnt how to turn their ideas into reality using a range of techniques and equipment including our own 3D printer and precision laser cutter. Children are encouraged to be innovative and original designers as they learn to take risks, experiment and stay away from the norm without fear of failure.



Nursery put their new woodworking bench to good use, even taking it outdoors during the warmer weather as they gained some amazing hands-on experience of using tools and making models. The youngest cohort also engaged in another form of modelling using junk materials which they repurposed and recycled, learning about safety measures and the correct use of tools while developing their ability to problem solve and persevere to achieve their aim.

Year 2 made impressive Roman shields and helmets, which they put to good use when reenacting a battle scene in the playground, while Year 3 designed and created their very own culinary-inspired headwear as part of the Healthy Breakfast Challenge.

Working with their 'Africa' topic in mind, Year 4 produced colourful walking sticks. They created mood boards in the ICT suite before using a variety of stencils and drawing aids to assist them, with the focus on symmetry, pattern and colour. Sustainable wood from the school grounds was used in the manufacturing process, using two new tools, the

spokeshave and the surform, to strip and prepare the sticks for painting and decorating.

Creative Year 5 learned all about Italian architect and furniture designer Ettore Sottsass as they explored the 'mitre' carpentry wood joint and were tasked with producing a tablet stand or picture frame while switching their attention later in the year to the concept of net box packaging, which will hold their carefully crafted pocket torches.

Year 6 took on two big projects – generating a new logo or graphic as part of a computer-aided design brief and producing a 'steady hand' game, which allowed the children to explore electronic circuits, acrylic plastic and wood joinery – while Year 7 put all of their effort into producing acrylic clocks.

Year 8 laid down their plans for a pillow cushion project, which focused on typography, graphic design, textiles and sewing, and computer-aided design.



Art

The art department has gone from strength to strength. The work the children produced this year, involving varied topics, techniques and media, graced the art studio walls and shelves before being collected to take pride of place on their walls at home.

Art is treasured at Highfield and Brookham and our fantastically-equipped art studio is an encouraging and inspirational environment. Our children experience a progressive and diverse curriculum which sees their creativity sparked by a variety of media including paint, clay, charcoal and printmaking.



Reception children lovingly painted cards to mark Valentine's Day as part of Children's Mental Health Week while Year 1 used their specialist art lessons to focus on the environment and the natural world. Using plastic bottles they made beautiful bees, drawing on a variety of artistic techniques, and making careful observational drawings of butterflies.

Year 2 took the opportunity to visit the brilliant art exhibition in the theatre which featured work from professional artists as well as Old Highfieldians while Year 3 got some expert guidance from Mrs Martin as they designed and built their own little wooden mountain explorer huts.

Year 4 sculpted beautiful Tower of London-style poppies in clay to mark Remembrance Day, as well as creating dramatic, historical scenes in charcoal depicting the Blitz during the Second World War. 'Africa' is always a popular topic with Year 4 and the children loved producing mixed-media animal portraits before ending the year with some fun Olympic shoe design work in mixed media involving textiles and sewing.

Year 5 took 'giant' steps forward with their art at the start of the school year by painting a collaborative BFG in gouache while learning about Quentin Blake's drawing style. Picasso was the next source of inspiration and pupils sculpted crazy cubist portraits in clay as they learned about emotional wellbeing.

Year 6 learned about facial proportion through their Buddhist portraits before turning their attention to sculpting Ancient Greek-style pots in clay.

Pop Art self-portraits in the autumn term created quite an impression with Year 7, looking at Andy Warhol and David Gomez Maestre for inspiration, as did the work of Claes Oldenburg and Thiebaud as the children created playful sculptures in mod roc.

Working on 'Identity', Year 8 took photos on their iPads before transferring the images onto canvas and embellishing with mixed media to personalise them. This project was handled with real reverence and respect as it illustrates the fact that a child's time at Highfield and Brookham is a special time.



Music

The music school had another busy year, putting on no fewer than 30 events since September. The weekly Cushion Concerts have flourished, as have the pre-prep concerts which are now regularly an hour long, such is the popularity of instrumental learning at this age.

The termly concerts in the Chapel have seen regular performances from our instrumental ensembles and the Flute Choir, Wind Band, String Group, Recorder Ensemble and School Orchestra have all impressed this year.



Mrs Harman pulled off the extraordinary feat of organising a combined performance involving the whole school and staff of the National Anthem to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. She encouraged staff to dust off their instruments and brought a sense of occasion despite the rain soaking our music.

Two new choirs have been formed this year, with Mrs Harman running a staff choir and a rock choir, both of which performed at our rock concerts to great acclaim.

The Chapel Choir has had another busy year singing in the usual evensongs, Christmas services, Confirmation and school concerts, as well as being invited to perform with the Leconfield Singers in their Christmas service in Petworth Church. They brought some Christmas cheer to the residents of the Peak Centre in Liphook and entertained their own grandparents in two tea party concerts.

The Chapel Choir was joined by Highfield Voices and the Junior Chapel Choir (another new choir) for a massed musical event in Petersfield with Meridian Wind for an evening of musical proms with special guest star Ella de Jongh. This was a fantastic evening of music making as our 60-strong choir was joined by a 30-piece wind band.

We have achieved some excellent exam results this year and special mention must go to Romilly O'Donnell, who gained a fantastic mark of 139/150 for her Grade 6 Singing – one of the highest marks ever awarded at Highfield and Brookham.

On the show front, there have been excellent performances of Peter Pan, Go for Gold and Buggy Malone to keep our young musicians busy, as well as farewell performances for Sophie Baber and the Leavers' Service.





Together
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challenge



HIGHLIGHTS

Boys' Cricket

1st XI

Although they were a strong bowling side their highlight was a successful chase of 127 for the loss of only two wickets against Edgeborough, when Ptolemy Graves and Tom Reid forged a 99 run partnership.

2nd XI

A hard-fought win over Farleigh was the season highlight. Having struggled to score 67 runs, an immense bowling and fielding effort saw Farleigh bowled out for just 39. Dogged batting by Dougie Hogg and Brodie Colgate was backed up by a sublime bowling attack of Sandy Game, Henry Fisher, Will Webster and Theo Kauntze.

3rd XI

The highlight was a close 10 run win over Westbourne House. The consistent line and length of our bowling caused many problems for many teams, with Gonzalo Merino Bustos and Rory Lett ending as the team's leading wicket takers.

4th XI

Batting in the last pair with only one ball to spare the undoubted highlight was a dramatic leg side boundary by debutant Anton Suri which secured the win against Aldro. Bowler Gabe Church had earlier set up the victory charge by taking 3-13 in four overs.

5th XI

It was an amazing season which saw the team win five of their seven matches. The highlight was a victory in a close game against a strong Cranleigh side where the match went down to the final few balls.

**6th XI**

The highlight was the victory over RGS. Batting with the scores level in the final over, they knew losing one wicket would cost them. But Orsino Gollance defended stoutly, securing the win with a quick single.

U11A

They showed off their growing talents at two tournaments – the Millfield IAPS event and in Tonbridge where Freddie Harris top scored with a superb 79.

U11B

The team revelled in gaining revenge in style against Aldro when they won their return fixture after losing their opening match against them. Buoyed by this success they went on to secure a seven-wicket win over Westbourne House.

U10A

Standout performances included Rupert Elmore, who scored two fifties and took six wickets against Westbourne House, and Henry Miller, who scored a fifty in their final game against St Edmund's.

U10B

A mixed season, with equal wins and losses. Xander Osbourne and Xander Apps led from the front and were the season's top run scorers. Platon Baranov and Fredrik Jackson were the pick of the bowlers.

U9A

The highlight was a convincing win over Westbourne House, which featured great bowling from Max Lumsden, Ali O'Neill and Rufus Walters and strong batting from Bertie Boardman and Guy Speir. William Kessell also kept wicket beautifully behind the stumps.

U9C

The highlight was their home match against Aldro, when they racked up an astonishing 348 runs for the loss of just one wicket. When Aldro replied, two superb throws from Theodore Naylor in the outfield resulted in run outs which helped secure the win.



HIGHLIGHTS

Girls' Cricket

1st XI

Led by exceptional captain Edie Williams, the girls had a wonderful season. It was underpinned by outstanding bowling, sharp fielding and improved batting. Highlights included beating Twyford and Lord Wandsworth's U14A side. All the girls enjoyed taking wickets, scoring runs and securing wins.

2nd XI

The highlight of the season was the girls' final match against Edgeborough. Bowling good line and length, opener Sophia Smith picked up three wickets in the first over to leave the visitors in trouble and set the tone for the game. In reply, Poppy Ouvaroff was outstanding with the bat, scoring 40 before retiring, not out.

3rd XI

Our highlight was a superb victory against Edgeborough where the girls really found their batting form with a number hitting big sixes.

4th XI

The girls really blazed a trail with their outstanding performances, winning three out of five matches – all of them by 10 wickets. The likes of Xanthe Mendes, India Lomas and Shona O'Neill took big wickets in various fixtures while Mer Hinojosa and Teresa Diez de Rivera excelled with the bat against Westbourne House.

5th XI

The girls ended a magnificent season unbeaten with victory in their final game against St Edmund's. Skipper Gloria Diez de Rivera belted lots of fours and her first six as the girls scored 133 runs, their highest score of the season, before bowling out the opposition for just 50.

**6th XI**

The sixths ended the season with an impressive unbeaten record. The highlight was the final game of the season against St Edmund's, which the girls won by seven wickets with a strong team effort with particular mention to our brilliant bowlers Romilly O'Donnell, Amelie Davies and Malena Jensen.

U11A

The highlight of the season was victory against a strong Cranleigh side, where the girls stood up to some quick bowling and protected their wickets while keeping the run rate ticking over. Milly Valentine did the rest, scoring many boundaries securing the victory on the final ball of the match.

U11B

The girls were beaten only once in a terrific season in which they made huge strides, particularly with the ball. The ability to make good decisions in the field, the communication between the girls and the enthusiasm and desire to improve was fantastic.

U11C

A second win against Edgeborough rounded off a great season for the girls, who only once tasted defeat. Malie Kyere was named batter of the game while Aimee Horne was recognised for her excellent fielding.

U10A

The girls showed passion, energy and resilience throughout a wonderful season – not least in the standout match against Westbourne House, when they dug deep to secure a nail-biting win.

U10C

Huge improvement was the undoubted highlight as many girls moved up not only to the U10B side but also to the U11Cs throughout the season. India Lomas' growing confidence as a bowler was there for all to see while Jemima Fiennes stepped up in the field as the girls won three of their five matches.



HIGHLIGHTS

Boys' Rugby

U13A

This talented group fought for each other every step of the way all season and really came into their own when the sevens season began, winning the Plate competition at both Windlesham and Aldro before proudly representing the school at the National Sevens tournament at Rosslyn Park.

U13B

The highlight of the year for the U13B boys was a defensive masterclass against Aldro. Camped on their own line for periods of the game, the resilient boys dug deep and held firm to repel a barrage of attacks before breaking away to secure a last-minute win.

U12A

A strong season was typified by a convincing win against Aldro, in which Dougie Hogg, Jordan Calabria-Deane and Sasha Samsin were relentless in attack. Hugo Mendes also deserves a shout out for his immense tackling throughout the season, particularly in the match against Twyford.

U12B

A truly impressive season culminated in a dominant performance against Tywford, with Henry Fisher running in a number of tries. The group showed improved organisation, handling skills and commitment in the contact area as the season progressed with some outstanding performances from Cristo Porter, Gus Brennan, Anton Suri and Peter Zhesterov.



U11A

The U11A boys had a superb season, losing just one game and playing some excellent rugby. There were notable wins against Westbourne House and Seaford, culminating in a fantastic match against Twyford to round off the season. Alec Williams was particularly crucial at the coal face, winning lots of ball in the ruck.

U11B

Winning seven games out of eight shows how consistent the U11B boys' performances were each week. Arguably the biggest highlight of the season was the impressive 60-20 win over Westbourne House, which set the tone for how the team wanted to play; passionate, aggressive, attacking rugby which is played at pace.

U10A

Motivated by losing their first two matches, the inspired U10A boys went unbeaten for the rest of the season. A particular highlight was the 70-5 victory over Seaford en route to winning five games in a row as the team's positive approach and channelled aggression really paid off.

U10B

The boys had the tremendous honour of being unbeaten all season. They racked up some memorable wins, not least against Dorset House and Aldro, and a final, nerve-wracking game against Twyford which they won 55-40. The team attacked with pace and ambition with Olu Ajibola and Rex Warr ending the season as top try scorers.

U9A

This was the first time the boys had the chance to try full contact tackling and they took to it from the off. With wins against Edgeborough and Westbourne House, it's clear this is a team with a huge amount of attacking threat and physicality and it will be great to see them develop as they move up through the school.



HIGHLIGHTS

Boys' Hockey

1st XI

The firsts had another impressive year, securing a medal at an inter-school tournament and reaching the quarter-finals of the Regional Hockey Championships. Led by captain George Elmore, the boys consistently demonstrated exceptional skills, strategic play, and unwavering determination. They ended the season in style with a 10-0 defeat of Westbourne House.

2nd XI

The second XI had a really enjoyable season, playing attacking hockey from the back. The highlight was a tough fixture against Edgeborough. We secured a great win and the standard of hockey from both sides was brilliant.

3rd XI

The thirds had a tough season but with another goal here or there it could have been quite different as they drew three games and lost the other two by just the odd goal. The highlight was a closely-fought 2-2 draw with Amesbury which could have gone either way before ending all square.

4th XI

The boys' never-say-die attitude was never more evident than when they secured a dramatic 2-2 draw with Hoe Bridge in the undoubted highlight of the season. With just seconds remaining, Rory Lett fired the ball into the net to spark joyous celebrations and secure a draw which felt much more like a win!

**6th XI**

The team consistently trained well throughout the season. Individuals really shone in the mixed ability House matches when they showed the higher teams their worth. This provided a springboard for their future hockey careers.

U11A

This season the boys really developed as a team. It was great to see, as the season wore on, the boys going from playing as individuals to competing as a much more unified team. The big highlight was reaching the semi-finals of the cup competition at the IAPS tournament.

U11B

A 4-2 victory over Amesbury highlighted a progressive term for the U11B team. The development of their ball skills, movement and energy off the ball was pleasing to see, as were the individual efforts of Aurian Graves, Jack Hofmeyr and Rupert Byam-Cook.

U9C

It was a great season of growth for the U9C team. They produced consistent performances throughout the season and worked well as a team. The boys worked on ball and stick control in practise and used their refined techniques to great effect in matches, ensuring a competitive season with some great results.



HIGHLIGHTS

Girls' Hockey

1st XI

As semi-finalists in the Regional Hockey Championships and silver medallists in the fiercely competitive Highfield Hockey Tournament, the first XI surpassed numerous formidable opponents such as Edgeborough, Westbourne House and Twyford. Under the inspiring leadership of captain Emily Sherlock, the team exhibited remarkable skills, flawless teamwork and unwavering resilience.

2nd XI

A positive season with the girls winning the majority of their matches. The highlight was showing improvement to beat Westbourne House towards the end of the season having lost the reverse fixture early in their campaign.

3rd XI

The thirds had a great season, improving their skills and use of space game by game. Their enthusiasm, team spirit and desire to play better summed up this group beautifully and they were a joy to coach.

4th XI

Unwavering determination in the face of setbacks and tough opponents was a wonderful trait of the fourths. Inspirational spirit and excellent teamwork were demonstrated perfectly against Cranleigh, with wingers Carlota Rubio de Eugenio and Carmen Rodriguez San Pedro working effectively with Imogen Wright up front and captain Samantha Linnell leading by example.

**U11A**

There was a good level of ability in this team and a huge amount of potential moving forward. The team's passing, defending, tackling and ball retention improved greatly as the season wore on, leading to a healthy number of wins, most notably against Eagle House and Cranleigh.

U11C

The girls tackled the season with perseverance and a positive attitude, developing their skills en route to some amazing wins. Their determination paid off as they sealed good wins against Seaford, Eagle House and Westbourne House.

U10A

Underpinned by extraordinary skills and exceptional teamwork, the girls blossomed this season. Their commitment, enthusiasm and sportsmanship were truly commendable and their performances in the Highfield and Westbourne House tournaments were particularly noteworthy, as they secured silver medals in both.

U10C

The girls worked tirelessly on the pitch, improving their stamina and skill levels in a fruitful season. Their new-found understanding of both individual roles and teamwork proved invaluable as they secured a convincing win against Twyford, the highlight of the season.



HIGHLIGHTS

Boys' Football

1st XI

Captained by Zac Jenkins and Oscar Bloxam, the boys made it through to the semi-finals of our seven-a-side tournament. They put up a great fight against a physically bigger and stronger Cranleigh side.

2nd XI

A tremendous 3-3 draw against a strong Cranleigh side. With Ryder Larby and Albie Black the regular goal threat up front and the impressive Cass Marks in goal, the boys played with tremendous courage and determination.

3rd XI

The highlight was the encouraging development of a style of play that was both easy on the eye and most effective. Perhaps unsurprisingly, possession stats were definitely in the boys' favour throughout the season.

4th XI

It was a fantastic season, losing only one match – and that to a late goal. The boys were positive, played with determination and supported each other in every game and this spirit allowed them to earn some great results.

5th XI

A strong year group allowed many talented players to grace the fifths. Highlights included big wins against St Edmund's and beating Parkside in their own backyard.

7th XI

The main highlight was our match against Amesbury in which five separate goal scorers contributed to a dominant performance and an assured victory.

**U11A**

Scoring an impressive 40 goals in 10 matches, finding the back of the net seemed to come naturally. Highlights of the season included a 10-0 victory over Westbourne House and reaching the semi-finals of the ISFA tournament.

U11B

It was particularly heartening to see how the boys grew together game by game, attacking in numbers as a unit and working hard for each other to defend as a team.

U11C

The undoubted highlight, which was evident throughout the season, was that the boys never stopped trying and never stopped running, even when the results didn't go their way.

U10A

It was a tough season for the U10A boys but they tried to play the right way every game, passing the ball, keeping the ball on the floor and getting into wide areas to get in behind the opposition when they attacked.

U10B

On a day when everything came together the boys secured a memorable 3-1 victory against a strong Westbourne House team. Alexander Osborne finished as top scorer for the season with five goals.

U10C

A seven goal thriller against Amesbury was the season highlight. Racing into a commanding 3-0 lead before being pegged back to 3-3, they retook the lead through Olu Ajibola. Goalkeeper Rex Warr and the defence marshalled by Felix Steele-Perkins sealed a brilliant win.

U9A

They were a formidable force, as demonstrated at the Aldro Festival with just one loss in the season. Bertie Boardman and Ali O'Neill on each wing, Lucas Borwick and Seb Williams in the middle and Max Lumsden holding the line were outstanding.



HIGHLIGHTS

Girls' Football

U13A

The girls had been inspired by the Lionesses and proud to be following in their footsteps. Their season resulted in mixed results, which did not always go their way, but all the girls developed their passing, striking and dribbling skills and had a great deal of fun.

U12B

Despite having precious few competitive fixtures, the girls rounded off their short campaign with a superb win against Westbourne House with a battling performance.

U11A

Playing more fixtures and in more festivals than ever before, the girls worked hard to develop their skills all season. Facing tough opposition, they rose to the challenge time and again. Special mention to Emily Law, Malie Kyere and Mia Bicknell for their fine efforts.

U11B

The football season was short but inspirational for the U11B girls, who developed their skills while playing with a smile on their faces. They worked on keeping the ball under control while passing and shooting, and gelled more and more as a team.

U11C

Skills development was a real highlight of the season for the U11C team. They passed, dribbled, defended and attacked with growing assurance and skill while their pace and agility improved week in, week out. Aleksandra Bekker was particularly impressive and showed increased confidence in her ability.

**U10C**

The team improved in leaps and bounds during the course of the short season. The highlight was a fine 4-0 win against Westbourne House, with captain Arabella Corbett and vice-captain Alice Craig leading by example.

U9A

Coming together and maturing as a cohesive and talented group was the highlight of the U9A team's season. India Harris was superb in central midfield, Ottie Meyer was a constant threat up front with her pace, and Tabitha Wills demonstrated great versatility both in goal and defence.



HIGHLIGHTS

Girls' Netball

U13C

The girls were a force to be reckoned with, winning every game. Exceptional skills and excellent team spirit were key to their success, as well as rigorous training sessions which enabled the girls to execute precise passes and effect swift transitions down the court for a consistent flow of goals.

U12A

With the team at its best, the standout game was a tremendous 25-12 win against Twyford. Genny Hogg, Flora Delliere and Lella Baker led the goal charge but it was the incredible team spirit, which was evident all season, which paved the way for that and other successes.

U12B

The girls had a successful season, the highlights being big wins against Westbourne House and Windlesham. Playing with skill, composure and belief, they crushed Westbourne House 17-3 and lowered the colours of Windlesham 12-5.

U12C

Win, lose or draw, the girls played positive netball and worked well as a team. Honor Elvins, in particular, showed a real willingness to be flexible, playing effectively all over the court as the situation required it. The girls should be extremely proud of their continued improvement.

**U11B**

The U11B team had a very good season, with exceptional performances against Seaford and Westbourne House. They improved every aspect of their game along the way; shooting, defending and understanding their positioning on the court contributed to their wins.

U11C

A record 11 goals in the game against Seaford was the highlight of a tough season for the U11C team. No matter the result, every match was played in positive fashion and the girls showed true grit and determination throughout. Defence was a particular strength all season, with interceptions aplenty.

U10B

The girls had an incredible season, scoring an amazing 82 goals and conceding just 27. Yet despite this huge goal difference statistic the highlight of the season was watching the girls grow in confidence week on week.

U10C

The team played with real energy and positivity all season and secured some excellent wins, not least the 15-0 demolition of Oakwood in their opening game. It featured some fine defending from Charlotte Margetts and deadly accurate shooting from Tiggy Chapman.



HIGHLIGHTS

Pre-prep



It's been a busy and inspiring year of sport throughout pre-prep, with all year groups competing on their respective sports days while the older age groups played some exciting competitive matches across a number of sports against rival schools.

Hockey

The astro saw some fabulous action as the U7s fielded mixed teams for short-sided games against Churcher's Juniors while the U8 girls hosted Amesbury. Eye-catching stick work, good ball control and intelligent use of space was evident among both year groups as their coaching during games really started to pay dividends.

Rugby

The U8 boys demonstrated good passing and skilful ball-handling skills as they played out entertaining tag-rugby matches against Portsmouth Grammar School and Amesbury. But arguably most impressive was the unwavering camaraderie and team ethic that the boys displayed, supporting each other as a cohesive unit every step of the way.

Cricket

Year 2 took part in their first ever Kwik Cricket matches against near neighbours Churcher's Juniors. The boys and girls demonstrated their developing batting and fielding skills that they have acquired from their games lessons and entertained spectators with an array of fine shots, great efforts in the field and exceptional sportsmanship.

Swimming

Young swimmers from Year 3 joined the older prep school children for a swim gala against St Edmund's School. And it proved to be a successful introduction to inter-school galas as the U8 swimmers more than played their part as the all-conquering school squad extended their amazing winning run which stretches back more than four years.



HIGHLIGHTS

Additional Sport

Athletics

Four girls picked up five medals between them at the ISA National Prep Schools Athletics Championships at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. Emily Sherlock secured Gold in the U14 triple jump and Silver in the U14 100m and there were bronze medals for Valentina Rollason (U13 high jump), Tiggy Walder (U12 1500m) and Milly Valentine (U12 shot put).

Cross Country

We welcomed 15 schools and hundreds of competitors to our popular annual Inter-school Cross-country Championships in February. Children from Year 3 to Year 8 competed against runners from Aldro, Alton School, Amesbury, Camelsdale, Churcher's College, Cranmore, Edgeborough, Feltonfleet, Hoe Bridge, Parkside, RGS, St Hilary's, St Ives, The Royal School and Westbourne House.

Golf

Under the captaincy of Samantha Linnell and with our nine hole course looking as good as ever, our young golfers had a busy summer. Our keen golfers played some excellent matches against The Royal School, St Edmund's and Camelsdale.

Sailing

Six seafarers pushed the boat out at the IAPS Sailing Regatta at the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre in Portland. Ollie Glasgow and Alejandro Guevara finished ninth and Saffy Colgate and Toby Wakeley placed 21st in the U11 competition while Jack Goldsmith and Brodie Colgate finished 18th out of 35 crews in the U13 event.

Swimming

Our swimmers did us proud at the IAPS National Swimming Championships at the London Aquatics Centre. More than 4,500 schools took part in the entire competition and we were one of only 20 schools to qualify for the finals at the Olympic pool. Congratulations to Coco Bendon, Eniola Ajibola, Flora Delliére, Valentina Rollason, Emilia Dumas, Sophia Smith, Annabel Harris, Issy Salusbury, Jemima Goldsmith, Tiggy Walder, Freddie Harris and Brodie Colgate for their incredible participation.

Tennis

It was another successful year on the tennis courts with squads of boys and girls from U11 to U13 securing a healthy number of wins. Over the course of the season the children came up against their regular opponents - Aldro, Amesbury, St Edmund's and Edgeborough.



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Boarding

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It's been another busy and brilliant year for our boarders. From fun trips and leisure time in our magnificent grounds to educational visits and quiet time in the dorms, they have done it all.

As is always the case in the boarding house, all the activities sparked copious amounts of teamwork, fierce competition and, of course, fun and laughter!

In the senior boarding house, children welcomed the return of some favourite old pastimes such as the ultra competitive inter-dorm dance competition, I'm A Highfieldian Get Me Out of Here, the barmy colour run and carol singing around the estate.

They were delighted to usher in new ones too, with the St Patrick's Day celebrations, a scavenger hunt, the might of the Highland Games and seeing the light during the 'glow up challenge' proving particularly popular.

Year 8 children loved the introduction of their own dedicated film night while Year 6 and Year 7 children revelled in regular games of hide and seek, bingo, art and swimming. The introduction of audio books and storytelling at bedtime proved really popular among the younger boarders.

In the junior boarding house, the children loved life under new Houseparents Charlie and Jessie Millsom.

Relishing the cosy, family home atmosphere of the junior house, the children have visibly flourished and grown in confidence while forging new friendships and cementing existing ones.

All year the children have been full of ideas for fun, engaging and exciting things to do at the end of the school day. The house has been alive with warmth, love, laughter and emotion as the children threw themselves into different activities, be it playing chess, chatting and toasting marshmallows around the fire pit, immersing themselves in pamper nights, careering down the slip 'n' slide or relaxing and eating ice cream in the village.



TRIP TO

Lodge Hill

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The excitement was palpable as intrepid Year 3 headed to West Sussex for their first ever residential trip.

For many children it was the first time that they had been away from home on their own, but they quickly discovered that the excellent Lodge Hill Activity Centre was the perfect place to grow, spread their wings and have lots of fun.

Year 3 wholeheartedly embraced the spirit of adventure that Lodge Hill offered. From its lofty perch overlooking the picturesque Arun Valley, it surpassed even the children's wildest expectations.

The trip offered a wonderful mix of creative, challenging and practical skills building experiences that allowed the children to step out of their comfort zones and safely push the boundaries of what they thought was possible.

For some, the challenge of tunnelling, abseiling and climbing came naturally, for others the support network and encouragement of their friends and classmates was the key to making steady but significant gains.

And that teamwork and perseverance paid handsome dividends across the group as they made short work of the crate stack challenge and the nightline, where blindfolded children had to work together to navigate a tricky obstacle course in the dark.

The fully immersive and inspirational outdoor learning gave the children not only a wonderful opportunity for a thrilling adventure but also time to bond and forge relationships outside the classroom. And it was wonderful to see constant smiles and hear regular squeals of laughter as the children grew in confidence individually and as a group.

It's often said that the Year 3 children return from their residential trip standing just that little bit taller and showing signs of a little more maturity, and that was certainly the case this year with our adventurous cohort.

They showed themselves to be kind, courageous and always striving to be the best they can be, with an awesome attitude that will take them far.



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Kingswood

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High thrills, high spirits, high adventure and high energy summed up rather nicely Year 4's fabulous four-day trip to the Isle of Wight.

Based at the superb Kingswood outdoor activity centre in Bembridge and armed with a sense of adventure and intrigue, the children revelled in the opportunity to spread their wings and push themselves beyond their comfort zones.

For some, climbing high towers and leaping from tall poles were all in a day's work, for others there was a distinct sense of trepidation and personal fears to overcome. But overcome them they did and by the end of their stay, everyone was crying out for more.

With Year 4's problem solving tasks reduced to mere child's play with a little help from their friends, attention turned to loftier challenges as, for some, a fear of heights entered the equation. But as the level of the challenges moved up a notch, so did the children's confidence and, spurred on by so many supportive voices, they made light work of climbing and abseiling before conquering the mighty 3G Swing and the Leap of Faith.

After such a rush of adrenaline and the excitement of tackling and overcoming so many tricky obstacles, where perseverance and teamwork were key the children revelled in a change of pace down at the beach.

They loved the competitive element and the need for creativity during the sandcastle making competition before racing into the surf to master the art of bodyboarding where the squeals of delight really said it all.

It was such a pleasure for us to be with the children in a different environment and watch them grow in confidence with every challenge they faced.



TRIP TO

Ridgway

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This action packed itinerary promised an unforgettable journey of teamwork and self reliance.

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A week long activities trip in Scotland provided an unparalleled opportunity for our Year 7 children to immerse themselves in thrilling adventures and embrace the wonders of nature.

Combining rock climbing, kayaking and fire making, this action packed itinerary promised an unforgettable journey of teamwork and self reliance.

The first few days focused on preparation for the much anticipated stay on Survival Island. The children completed a series of challenges to ensure they were set for their night under the stars.

The children took part in treks carrying all of their essential equipment on their own backs. They learnt how to make fires using plants that grew around the camp. They also learnt about shellfish, how to catch them and, just as importantly, how to prepare and cook them into a delicious and nutritious hot meal.

Another crucial part of surviving in the wild is knowing how to make shelters. The children learnt how to select an appropriate site and construct sturdy shelters to withstand the unpredictable weather. And the children had all the weather!

The children complete their stay on Survival Island entirely independently from their teachers. They returned buzzing with excitement, if not a little tired, from their adventurous overnight stay.

The children really enjoyed the whole trip and learnt a lot about each other as well as themselves, pushing themselves to their limits both physically and mentally to complete tasks as a team. After a long week away the children got back home to dry land and started their well deserved summer holiday.



TRIP TO

Normandy

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Wartime history was brought to life as Year 8 took a poignant trip to Normandy during the autumn term.

The children were based at the Chateau du Baffy, north-west of Caen and close to the Second World War D-Day beaches.

The story began at Pegasus Bridge, where our oldest cohort learned about the role of the 6th Airborne Division that helped to take and hold this important landmark before Allied troops landed on the beaches.

The children then learned of the important role of the Merville Gun Battery, situated just down the coast from Sword Beach where British forces made land on D-Day, 6th June 1944.

Casualties on both sides were high on D-Day and the children took the opportunity for some quiet reflection when visiting British, American and German cemeteries.

From the horrors of D-Day, Year 8 went a little further back in time to the days of the Duke of Normandy, who conquered the English armies at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 to earn the title William the Conqueror.

The children were treated to a fascinating tour of Falaise Castle, William's birthplace, giving Year 8 the opportunity to share their own historic knowledge with their suitably impressed guide. The study of the Duke of Normandy continued with a day in Bayeux exploring this beautiful mediaeval town and its famous tapestry.

An insightful and rewarding trip was rounded off by following in the footsteps of the medieval armies depicted in the tapestry who braved mud, quicksand and fast river currents to cross the bay to the magnificent Mont Saint Michel.

The conditions may have been wet and grey for much of the time but the rain failed to dampen Year 8's spirits in the slightest. The children learned so much and took away some wonderful memories that will surely last a lifetime.



TRIP TO

Pembrokeshire

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What better way to mark the end of exams than with a trip to Wales?

Year 8 did exactly that in June as they headed to the coastal splendour of Pembrokeshire for a week of self discovery and fun.

Our children always love learning outside of the classroom, and they couldn't have wished for a more idyllic spot to learn so much more about themselves, pushing the boundaries of what they thought was possible and moving out of their respective comfort zones.

And the result was an unqualified success and proved a fitting finale for our lovely leavers who worked incredibly hard during their final year.

Communication and collaborative skills were key as the children faced some intriguing challenges in beautiful south west Wales, not least jumping off rocks into the sea, climbing cliffs and surfing waves. The support and encouragement of their friends and classmates was key to many children overcoming fears and taking a leap of faith or two into the clear waters of St George's Channel.

On land, team skills were developed through beach games and bread making while creativity helped Year 8 come up with ways to tackle problem solving tasks.

A subject dear to the hearts of pupils in all year groups at Highfield and Brookham is the environment. Year 8 took the opportunity, while in Wales, to consider the impact that we have on the natural world, learning about nature as they spotted the wonderful marine wildlife and taking a trip to a bug farm taught us all about the possible protein source of the future.

Year 8's wonderful trip to Pembrokeshire taught the children so much, including how to listen to and take notice of their instructors and teachers and, more importantly, to each other and to their surroundings.

What a way to end their time at prep school.
Memories really are made of this.



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Keys

A true education is more than academics and exams. Which is why we actively encourage all children to participate in activities beyond the classroom and out in the local community.

Our Keys Programme has been likened to the esteemed Duke of Edinburgh Awards. This year Year 4 participated in team building and perseverance games, STEM projects, sign language and disability sport.

Year 5's theme was 'Developing New Interests.' They tried their hand at bushcraft, dance and orienteering. They focused on developing a growth mindset, building positive friendships and being a force for good.

The Year 6 focus was 'Developing Ourselves.' They had a packed Keys Programme with thinking skills, study skills, debating, cooking, coding and charity projects.

'Developing Our School' was Year 7's theme and benefited from gardening and DT and charity projects as well as spending time with their younger counterparts in their pre-prep classrooms.

Year 8 were 'Developing For The Future.' They gave back to the community during outreach activities with Mane Chance, Liphook Juniors, Hollycombe, Hollywater and the Peak Centre being highlights for the children. Alongside learning crucial skills such as life saving, first aid and young leadership.



Charity



It's been another incredible year on the charity front, with thousands of pounds raised for good causes.

A wonderful art exhibition run by a parent fundraising committee headed by Kaye Burke netted £18,000 for the Highfield School Centenary Bursaries Fund. Artists, including eight Old Highfieldians, agreed to donate a percentage of their sales in order to ensure that we can continue to offer bursaries to children who may not otherwise get the chance to access a private education.

The sterling efforts of our generous children raised £7,086 for Liphook Food Bank. A disco, fun run and Break The Rules Day, were some of the fun initiatives that the caring pupils dreamed up to help families struggling with the cost of living crisis, as well as raising money through the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon.

Year 8 pupil Arran MacDonald swelled the coffers of a wildlife conservation project in Africa by completing the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge. The £1,048 he raised will help safeguard threatened rhinos in Kenya.

Liphook Day Centre received a veritable feast of canned goods and fresh produce donated at our annual Harvest Festival service and also a cheque for £328.

Highfield Highreach Holidays also received £4,064 after the fundraising efforts at our annual Christmas Produce Fair and Bonfire Night.

£742 was also raised for Children in Need.



Highreach



Highreach Holidays, our brilliant residential holiday scheme for children with disabilities, continues to go from strength to strength.

First run in 2018 and fresh from its 'outstanding' Ofsted inspection late last year, Highreach welcomed another 23 happy holidaymakers to Highfield and Brookham in August for an action-packed week of fun in the sun.

The visiting children, aged eight to 16 with physical and mental disabilities, revelled in trips to Butser Ancient Farm, Hollycombe Steam, Paultons Park, a specialist horse riding centre and time on the beach at Littlehampton, as well as making full use of our swimming pool, theatre, sports hall, library and, of course, the school's stunning 175 acre grounds.

Highfield Highreach Holidays keeps costs low for families by raising funds throughout the year to cover more than half of the cost of the breaks while all the staff are volunteers. And Highreach's quality offering is such that Ofsted inspectors were left hugely impressed by the "exceptional" range of on-site and off-site activities as well as the "excellent" indoor and outdoor facilities available to the children.

This year's 58 volunteers included 30 Old Highfieldians and eight staff, including school owner and Chairman Bill Mills.

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A massive thank you to everyone. Our daughter really had such a wonderful time and hasn't stopped asking us when she can go back (this is likely to continue for the next 350 days). I really can't praise you enough - the lengths you all go to give the children such an amazing experience is extraordinary - it makes me well up every time I think about it! We are all so lucky to have organisations like this helping our families, it means the world to us.

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Year Six Leavers



Alejandro Janeiro Guevara

Coruna British School

Sport: U11B hockey, U11C rugby, U11A football (Endeavour Award)
Prizes: Middle School Reading Improvement Cup
 "We will miss this very confident young man - we loved chatting with him, he is sensible and very clever"



Jacob Martin

Seaford Prep School

Drama: Growing Up (Richie), What a Knight (Keith Klein)
Sport: U11D hockey, U11A rugby (Endeavour Award), U11B football
 "I will miss how easy it was to make friends and how kind everyone was"



Sam Oboudiyat

Pittwater House School

Sport: U11C hockey, U11C rugby, U11C football
 "We will miss this young man who proved to be both academically strong but also full of verve and vigour."



Aleksandra Bekker

Downe House School

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 1) Acting Grade 1 - Combined, Growing Up (Ronny)
Sport: U11C hockey, U11B netball, U11C football
 "We will miss her exceptional work ethic. She consistently worked hard and diligently in all areas of her studies."



Louise Gao

Wycombe Abbey

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 1) Acting Grade 1 - Combined, Growing Up (Connie)
Sport: U11B hockey, U11B netball, U11C football
Prizes: 6DP Form Prize for Attainment
Music: Violin Grade 2
 "We will miss watching her perform in the orchestra and the Summer Concert"



Luke Haran

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

Drama: Middle Colours, Growing Up (Bully/Mike)
Sport: U11B hockey, U11B rugby, U11A football (Endeavour Award)
Prizes: 6DP Form Prize for Effort
 "I will miss the grounds which are amazing and the people who are welcoming."



Annabel Hebburn

St Catherine's Bramley

Drama: Middle Colours, LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 1) Acting Grade 1 - Combined, Growing Up (Anna/Jessica), What a Knight (Lord Dudley)
Sport: U11A cricket (Colours), U11B hockey, U11C netball, U11B football
Prizes: 6DP Form Prize for Development
Music: Junior Choir, Guitar Grade 1
 "We will miss this incredibly kind and caring girl who always went out of her way to help and support her peers."

Year Eight Leavers



Lottie Alexander

Seafood College
Captain of the Football Team

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Stan), Pirates of the Currybean (Seller)
Sport: U13D cricket, U13B hockey, U13B netball (Endeavour Award), U13A football (Full Colours), U13A mixed cross country
Prizes: Special Head's Award, The Curran Cup, Senior Girls' Football
 "I will miss the grounds at Highfield because they look amazing and people work hard to make them look excellent so that we can play sport on them and everyone can enjoy them."



Theotime Aubagnac

Ste Ursule Louise de Bettignies

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Marbini)
Sport: U13E cricket
 "I will miss playing cricket"



Sani-Michael Ayere

Oundle School

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Cagey Joe)
Sport: U13D cricket, U13D hockey, U13A rugby, U13D football
Prizes: 8ZT Form Prize for Development
 "I will miss the surroundings and the nature in the 175 acres of grounds"



Tully Baber

Bryanston School
Captain of the Rugby Team

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Paperboy), Romeo and Juliet (Gonzalo) – Ensemble, Pirates of the Currybean (Grog)
Sport: U13C cricket, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby, U13C football, U13C hockey
Prizes: 8JL Form Prize for Character
 "I will miss rugby. I enjoyed playing with my team"



George Barraclough

Canford School
Agincourt House Vice Captain

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2) Acting Grade 2 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Shoulders), Romeo and Juliet (Benvolio), Pirates of the Currybean (Admiral Horatio Hornhonker)
Sport: U13B cricket, U13D hockey, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13C football
 "I will miss my friends"



Tallulah Bateman

Marlborough College
Academic Scholarship
Head Girl

Drama: LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (Grade 5) Acting Grade 5 – Combined
 Bugsy Malone (Loretta), Romeo and Juliet (Paris)
Sport: U13A cricket (Full Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A netball (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: Senior Netball, Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Latin, 8OB Form Prize for Attainment
 "I will miss chatting outside with my friends"



Oscar Bloxam

Canford School
Captain of the Cricket Team
Trafalgar House Captain

Drama: Full Colours, LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2) Acting Grade 2 – Duo, Bugsy Malone (Bugsy Malone), Romeo and Juliet (Romeo), Pirates of the Currybean (Scuttle)
Sport: U13A cricket (Half Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: Senior Rugby
Music: Chapel Choir
 "I will miss sport because it's fun to play with friends and means a lot to me."



Elliot Burke

Canford School
Captain of the Athletics Team

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2) Acting Grade 2 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Looney Bergonzi), Romeo and Juliet (Stefano), Pirates of the Currybean (Pong)
Sport: U13 swimming (Full Colours), U13B cricket, U13B hockey, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13C football
Prizes: 8ZT Form Prize for Character
 "I will miss my friends because I grew up with them."



Brodie Colgate

Wellington College
Captain of the Swimming Team
Trafalgar House Vice Captain

Drama: LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (Grade 4) Acting Grade 4 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Doodle), Romeo and Juliet (Ricardo), Pirates of the Currybean (Brodie)
Sport: U13 swimming (Full Colours), U13A cricket, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours), U13A hockey (Half)
Prizes: Senior Boys' Swimming, Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Biology, 8JL Form Prize for Attainment
 "I will miss my friends because I get on well with everyone."



Gaspar Crespo Camps

Highlands School, Madrid

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Barber)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13F cricket, U13D hockey, U13C rugby, U13D football
 "I will miss all my amazing friends and teachers."



Harry Currie

Winchester College
Year 8 Prefect

Drama: Bugsy Malone (English Reporter), Pirates of the Currybean (Toe)
Sport: U13E cricket, U13C hockey, U13C rugby, U13C football
Prizes: 8ZT Form Prize for Attainment
 "I will miss my friends because I have known them since I was five."



Teresa Diez De Rivera

Everest School, Madrid

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Flash Frankie)
Sport: U13 golf (Full Colours), U13D cricket, U13A netball, U13B football
 "I will miss my friends, I will miss them a lot because they are very nice and kind with me. I would never forget them."



Emilia Dumas

Charterhouse
Art and Drama Scholarship
Girls' Deputy Head of Boarding

Drama: Full Colours, LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (Grade 4) Acting Grade 4 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (Blousey), Romeo and Juliet (Lady Capulet), Pirates of the Currybean (Pearl Periwinkle)

Sport: U13 swimming (Full Colours), U13B cricket, U13B hockey (Endeavour Award), U13A netball (Full Colours), U13B football

Prizes: Cup for Choir, Acting Cup for Year 8, Hesselmann LAMDA Cup

Music: Full Colours, Chapel Choir, Singing Grade 3

"We will miss the sound of her beautiful voice in the Chapel choir."



Ptolemy Graves

Sherborne School
Sports Scholarship
Deputy Head Boy

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Leroy), Pirates of the Currybean (Bilge)

Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13A cricket (Half Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours)

Prizes: Senior Boys' All Rounder Cup for Sport, Senior Rugby 7s, Senior Boys' Cricket

Music: Chapel Choir, Piano Grade 1
"I will miss the sport as it has allowed me to build new friendships."



George Elmore

Charterhouse
Sports Scholarship, Head Boy
Captain of the Hockey Sevens

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Shakespeare - Shakespeare Level 1/ Solo, Bugsy Malone (The Ventriloquist's Dummy), Romeo and Juliet (Gregory), Pirates of the Currybean (Broadside)

Sport: U13 swimming (Full Colours), U13A cricket (Half), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13B rugby, U13A football

Prizes: Senior Boys' Hockey, Year 8 Reading Certificate Prize, Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Chemistry, 8OB Form Prize for Character

Music: Full Colours, Recorder Grade 4

"I will miss the amazing teachers who have supported me for my whole life."



Rosie Griffith

Sherborne School for Girls

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance - Acting Grade 1 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Angelo), Romeo and Juliet (Elizabetta), Pirates of the Currybean (Baggywrinkle)

Sport: U13A cricket (Full Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A netball (Full Colours), U13A football

Music: Chapel Choir
"I will miss my friends, the sport and the encouraging coaches."



Jack Goldsmith

Radley

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Laughing Boy), Pirates of the Currybean (Waff)

Sport: U13B cricket (Endeavour Award), U13D hockey, U13A rugby sevens U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13D football

Music: Piano Grade 1

"I will miss the rugby team and Mr Hamilton."



Wilfred Hargreaves

Sherborne School
Boys' Deputy Head of Boarding

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2) Acting Grade 2 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Oscar de Velt), Romeo and Juliet (Montano)

Sport: U13 golf (Full Colours), U13E cricket, U13E hockey, U13B rugby, U13D football

Prizes: Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Design Technology

"I will miss the community as it was kind and the space because it feels so open."



Theodore Goswell

Sherborne School
Captain of the Athletics Team

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Ventriloquist), Pirates of the Currybean (Gorilla)

Sport: U13E cricket, U13D hockey, U13B rugby, U13B football (Endeavour Award)

"I will miss the sports and the freedom of being here."



Annabel Harris

Cranleigh School
Captain of the Swimming Team
Trafalgar House Vice Captain

Drama: Full Colours, LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 3) Acting Grade 3 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Tallulah), Romeo and Juliet (Lady Montague), Pirates of the Currybean (Ping)

Sport: U13 swimming (Full Colours), U13B cricket, U13A hockey (Endeavour Award), U13A netball, U13A football

Prizes: Senior Girls' Swimming
Music: Chapel Choir, Singing Grade 4, Voice Grade 3

"I will miss my friends and the memories we've made."



Mercedes Hinojosa

Highlands School, Madrid

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Fizzy)

Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13 golf (Full Colours), U13C cricket, U13D hockey, U13B netball, U13B football

Prizes: The Pyper Cup for Courtesy, Senior Girls' Tennis

"I will miss my friends because they are always there when I need them."



Suzanna Kovalev

Charterhouse
Design Technology Scholarship
Year 8 Prefect

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 3) Acting Grade 3 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Bronx Charlie), Romeo and Juliet (Montague)

Sport: U13C cricket, U13B hockey (Endeavour Award), U13B netball, U13B football

"I will miss the people and the staff as they are so welcoming, kind and caring as they would always look out for me making them like my second family."



Zachary Jenkins

Charterhouse
Captain of the Football Team

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Butler), Pirates of the Currybean (Mr Pratt)

Sport: U13A cricket, U13B hockey (Half Colours), U13B rugby, U13A football (Full Colours)

Prizes: Senior Boys' Football, Year 8 Prize for Excellence in French, Senior Football

"I will miss the people who would go out of their way to help you."



Ryder Larby

Seaford College, Sports Scholarship,
Captain of Athletics, Agincourt
House Captain

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 1) Acting Grade 1 – Duo, Bugsy Malone (Ritzy), Romeo and Juliet (Mercutio), Pirates of the Currybean (Bilboe)

Sport: U13 athletics (Full Colours), U13A cricket (Half Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13B football (Endeavour Award)

Prizes: Senior Victor Ludorum
"We will miss his sense of fun and care for others."



Breanna Kayondo

Lancing College
Drama Scholarship

Drama: Full Colours, LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 3) Acting Grade 3, Bugsy Malone (Tillie), Romeo and Juliet (Juliet), Pirates of the Currybean (Liza Periwinkle)

Sport: U13B cricket, U13D hockey, U13A netball, U13B football

Music: Violin Grade 2
"I will miss friends, activities, boarding, colour run"



Monty Leach

Seaford College
Sports Scholarship
Year 8 Prefect

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 1) Acting Grade 1 – Duo, Bugsy Malone (Babyface), Romeo and Juliet (Leonardo), Pirates of the Currybean (Fender)

Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13A cricket (Half Colours), U13C hockey, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13B football (Endeavour Award)

Prizes: Senior Boys' Effort Cup for Sport, 8JR Form Prize for Character

Music: Chapel Choir
"I will miss sport as it's so much fun to play with my friends."



Platon Kiselev

Lomonosov Boarding School
Boys' Head of Boarding

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Captain Smolsky), Romeo and Juliet (Trincoro)

Sport: U13E cricket, U13C hockey, U13B rugby, U13D football

Prizes: 8OB Form Prize for Development

"I will miss my friends, because it's the most important thing for internationals in boarding."



Oscar Li

Seaford College

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Roxey Robinson)

Sport: U13D cricket, U13D hockey, U13B rugby, U13D football

"I will miss my friends because they are all so nice and kind."



Samantha Linnell

Cranleigh School
Year 8 Prefect
Captain of the Golf Team

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Yonkers), Romeo and Juliet (Capulet)
Sport: U13 golf (Full Colours), U13A cricket (Full Colours), U13B hockey (Endeavour Award), U13B netball, U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: The Dickson Character Cup
"I will miss all my friends because everyone is really kind and supportive."



Harry Love

Cranleigh School
Waterloo House Captain

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2) Acting Grade 2, Bugsy Malone (Knuckles)
Sport: U13A cricket (Half Colours), U13D hockey, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13D football
"I will miss the amazing grounds."



Arran MacDonald

Abingdon School

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2) Acting Grade 2 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (Seymour Scoop), Romeo and Juliet (Tech)
Sport: U13C cricket, U13D hockey, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13C football
Prizes: The Hughes-Chamberlain Woodwind Prize, Special Head's Award for Outstanding Engagement in Community and Charity Work, 8OB Form Prize for Effort
Music: Full Colours, Sax Grade 2
"I will miss my friends as they are kind and supportive."



Cassius Marks

Bryanston School

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Frank)
Sport: U13F cricket, U13D hockey, U13B rugby, U13B football (Endeavour Award)
Prizes: 8JR Form Prize for Development
"We will miss his morning chats about all things football, here's wishing West Ham all the best!"



Carlos Murcia Diaz

Colegio Jesús y María

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Foreign Reporter 2)
Sport: U13C cricket
"We will remember awarding him the coveted cricket ball for scoring 50 runs."



Rose O'Meara

Bradfield College
Year 8 Prefect

Drama: LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (Grade 5) Acting Grade 5 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (The Great Rosalda), Romeo and Juliet (Marianna)
Sport: U13D cricket, U13C hockey, U13B netball, U13B football
Music: Flute Grade 1
"We will miss her fantastic energy."



Ralph Oppenheim

Dauntsey's

Drama: Bugsy Malone (O'Dreary), Pirates of the Currybean (Seller 2)
Sport: U13C cricket, U13C hockey, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13D football
"I will miss the rugby because Mr Hamilton is a great coach."



Poppy Ouvaroff

Seaford College
Trafalgar House Captain

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 3) Acting Grade 3 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (Waitress - Doreen), Romeo and Juliet (Nurse), Pirates of the Currybean (Captain Cod)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13A cricket, U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A netball (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: Year 8 Prizes for Excellence in English, Music and Spanish
Music: Full Colours, Chapel Choir
"I will miss seeing all my friends every day and having the best time together."



Jasper Marshall-Lee

Eton College
Waterloo House Vice Captain

Drama: Full Colours, LAMDA Level 3 Certificate in Performance (Grade 6) Acting Grade 6 - Solo, Bronze Medal, Bugsy Malone (Sam Staccetto), Romeo and Juliet (Romeo), Pirates of the Currybean (Captain Redbeard)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13D cricket, U13B hockey, U13B rugby, U13D football
Prizes: Musician of the Year, Best Performance in a Stage Musical, Year 8 Prize for Excellence - J.McIntosh History
Music: Chapel Choir, Piano Grade 1
"I will miss having fun with friends."



Xanthe Mendes

Seaford College, Art Scholarship
Captain of the Football Team
Waterloo House Vice Captain

Drama: LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (Grade 4) Acting Grade 4 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (Shady), Romeo and Juliet (Sampson)
Sport: U13 golf (Full Colours), U13C cricket, U13E hockey, U13B netball, U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Art
"I will miss the amazing grounds because they are so great to play on."



Gonzalo Merino Bustos

San Patricio

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Foreign Reporter 1)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13B cricket, U13B hockey (Half Colours), U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby, U13B football (Endeavour Award)
"I will miss my friends because we have a very good connection."



Jasper Merrick

Churcher's College Senior School
Year 8 Prefect

Drama: LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (Grade 4) Acting Grade 4 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (Waiter/Barman Joe), Romeo and Juliet (Balthazar), Pirates of the Currybean (Stanley Periwinkle/Chief Wonga)
Sport: U13C cricket, U13B hockey, U13B rugby, U13D football
"I will miss my friends as they were a lot of fun."



Sky-Rose Prah

Bryanston School
Drama Scholarship
Deputy Head Girl

Drama: Full Colours, Bugsy Malone (Louella), Romeo and Juliet (Juliet), Pirates of the Currybean (Loopy Louie)
Sport: U13A cricket, U13B hockey, U13B netball, U13B football
Prizes: Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Drama
Music: Chapel Choir, Voice Grade 1
"I will miss my friends, my teachers and memories."



Jessica Reid

Thomas Hardy School

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 3) Acting Grade 3 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (Dotty), Romeo and Juliet (Friar John)
Sport: U13D cricket, U13E hockey, U13B netball, U13B football
"I will miss the grounds because they are beautiful."



Carmen Rodriguez San Pedro

Alegra British School

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Bangles)
Sport: U13 golf (Full Colours), U13C cricket, U13D hockey, U13B netball, U13A football
Prizes: 8ZT Form Prize for Effort
"I will miss my friends for taking care of me and always being there if I need them as well as the matches against other schools."



Isabel Salusbury

Cranleigh School
All-Rounder, Drama Scholarship
Girls' Head of Boarding

Drama: Full Colours, LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (Grade 5) Acting Grade 5 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (Snake Eyes), Romeo and Juliet (Tybalt), Pirates of the Currybean (Lookout Lofty)
Sport: U13 swimming (Full Colours) U13A cricket (Full Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A netball (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: Senior Girls' All Rounder Cup for Sport, Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Theology, Philosophy and Religion, 8JR Form Prize for Attainment
"I will miss my friends and the community."





Emily Sherlock

Marlborough College
Sports Scholarship
Captain of Hockey and Athletics
Agincourt House Vice Captain

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Lena Marelli), Romeo and Juliet (Prince Escalus), Pirates of the Currybean (Cutthroat Clegg)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13 athletics (Full Colours), U13A cricket (Full Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A netball (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: Senior Girls' Effort Cup for Sport, Special Head's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Athletics, Senior Girls' Hockey, Senior Victrix Ludorum
Music: Half Colours, Chapel Choir, Singing Grade 5
"I will miss the evenings in the boarding house and having fun with my friends"



James Speir

Stowe
Captain of the Tennis Team

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Pickett), Romeo and Juliet (Alfonso Understudy), Pirates of the Currybean (Mr Wally)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13B cricket, U13B hockey, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13A football (Endeavour Award)
Prizes: Senior Boys' Tennis, Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Physics
"I will miss the rugby because Mr Hamilton made it so fun."



Dee Dee Sinclair

Bradfield College
Agincourt House Captain

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 3) Acting Grade 3 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Benny Lee), Romeo and Juliet (Prince Escalus), Pirates of the Currybean (Captain Carp)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13A cricket (Full Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A netball (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Mathematics
"I will miss seeing my friends"



Frederick Spencer

Marlborough College

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Jimmie), Pirates of the Currybean (Tack)
Sport: U13A cricket (Half Colours), U13E hockey, U13B rugby, U13D football
"I will miss the sport because it is fun."



Georgia Sincock

Cranleigh School

Drama: Half Colours, LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2) Acting Grade 2 – Solo, Bugsy Malone (Radio Announcer), Romeo and Juliet (Abraham), Pirates of the Currybean (Fluke)
Sport: U13B cricket, U13B hockey (Endeavour Award), U13B netball, U13B football
Prizes: 8JL Form Prize for Effort
"I will miss the sport as it is always so fun."



Sabina Tracey

Bryanston School
Captain of the Netball Team

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 3) Acting Grade 3 – Combined, Bugsy Malone (Pop Becker), Romeo and Juliet (Servant)
Sport: U13B cricket, U13C hockey, U13A netball (Full Colours), U13B football
"I will miss my friends because they are all so kind."



Sophia Smith

Seaford College

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Communication (Grade 1) Speaking Verse and Prose, Bugsy Malone (Bernie), Romeo and Juliet (An Apothecary), Pirates of the Currybean (Squawk the Parrot)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13 swimming (Full Colours), U13B cricket, U13A hockey (Endeavour Award), U13A football
Prizes: Senior Girls' Swimming
Music: Chapel Choir
"I will miss sport because it is fun to play your favourite sports each term."



Oscar Tyrrell-Evans

Canford School

Drama: Bugsy Malone (Maurice), Romeo and Juliet (Tech Support), Pirates of the Currybean (Wiff)
Sport: U13E cricket, U13E hockey, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13D football
Prizes: 8JL Form Prize for Development
"I will miss the food the most because every day the catering staff cook the most amazing food without fail"



Betty Tyrwhitt-Drake

Cranleigh School

Drama: LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 3) Acting Grade 3 - Combined, Bugsy Malone (Velma), Romeo and Juliet (Rosario), Pirates of the Currybean (Bee)
Sport: U13B cricket, U13B hockey (Endeavour Award), U13B netball, U13B football
"I will miss the amazing friends I made. Everyone is always so kind and caring and will always be there for you when you need it."



William Webster

Cranleigh School

Drama: Full Colours Bugsy Malone (Louis), Pirates of the Currybean (Fathom)
Sport: U13 swimming (Full Colours), U13B cricket (Endeavour Award), U13B hockey, U13A rugby sevens, U13A rugby (Full Colours), U13C football
Prizes: 8JR Form Prize for Effort
Music: Grade 2 Drums
"I will miss sport because I love playing alongside my friends and it means a lot to me."



Edith Williams

Wellington College
Captain of the Cricket Team

Drama: Full Colours, LAMDA Level 2 Award in Performance (Grade 4), Bugsy Malone (Dandy Dan), Romeo and Juliet (Friar Lawrence), Pirates of the Currybean (Slack)
Sport: U13 tennis (Full Colours), U13 swimming (Full Colours), U13A cricket (Full Colours), U13A hockey (Full Colours), U13A netball (Full Colours), U13A football (Full Colours)
Prizes: Senior Girls' Cricket, Year 8 Prize for Excellence in Geography
Music: Chapel Choir, Piano Grade 1
"I will miss the welcoming environment and the familiarity of Highfield"





Sophie Baber

Sophie is an outstanding person. Our pre-prep is vibrant and flourishing, and numbers are growing. Her relentless pursuit of pedagogical excellence has meant that the pre-prep is at the forefront of educational development.

When we first interviewed Sophie Baber to be Head of Brookham early in 2015, she was teaching at Marlborough College Malaysia. She had been recommended by Lily Davies-Evitt, who had been a gap year teacher at Marlborough Malaysia in its very first year. She said that in all the chaos of launching a school from scratch, the standout teacher was Sophie and that we had to interview her. The interview was by video conference and, because it was still five years pre-Covid, none of us had got as used to making judgements about people over video as we are now. A few things came across very clearly though. First, she was very passionate about teaching, would approach the role with great energy and would be wholly devoted to it. Second, she would be committed to Brookham being as inclusive as possible, and would be completely dedicated to the well-being, learning and personal development of every child. When she started, in September 2015, she demonstrated these characteristics again and again, but with the benefit of hindsight, we got so much more besides.

Sophie took over a school of a little under 150 children. It was coming up to its 25th anniversary, and it felt a little tired in many ways. Sophie gave it the injection of passion and energy that it needed.

Along with Guy, her husband and Estate Manager, she oversaw the complete refurbishment of the building. She also overhauled the curriculum, and the approach to pedagogy across the school. She considerably broadened the sporting and extra-curricular opportunities available to children. Anybody visiting the school today will be struck by the vibrancy and sense of purpose within the school, by its happy buzz and underlying energy. The school now stands at more than 200 children – testament to Sophie's achievement.

Parents, speaking about Sophie, often say how well they feel Sophie knew and understood their children. For her, this was the basis for understanding what they needed to thrive at Brookham and beyond. She was passionate about delivering for every child, whatever their needs, and willing to go to great lengths to put in place exactly the right support for each.

Sophie leaves Brookham in exceptionally good health, with a fantastic team, many of whom have been recruited and nurtured by her, that will continue to push her philosophy of education.

We wish her the very best.

Bill Mills

Bill Mills
Chairman



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